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Road map for the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific

Note by the secretariat

Summary

Further to Commission resolution 69/13 of 1 May 2013 on implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, the present document contains proposals for a road map that highlights overarching actions that need to be taken so as to set in motion the timely implementation of the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.

The Incheon Strategy was adopted by the members and associate members of ESCAP assembled at the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, which was held in Incheon, Republic of Korea, from 29 October to 2 November 2012; it was subsequently endorsed by the Commission through its resolution 69/13.

Action at three different levels is identified in the road map, namely: regional; subregional; and national. The key actors for each level of action in the road map are listed below. It is hoped that representation in decision-making bodies will be at a high level, with a focus on fostering cooperation and making resources available for advancing implementation.

The various actors involved are as follows:

(a) At the national level: ESCAP members and associate members, with the support of civil society organizations and other partners, as appropriate;

(b) At the subregional level: subregional intergovernmental entities and organizations, as appropriate;

(c) At the regional level: the ESCAP secretariat, in cooperation with partners, as appropriate.

The overriding principle for all road map action is results-focused strategic partnerships with diverse entities that have the technical competence, mandate and resources to contribute to implementation of the Incheon Strategy.

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The time frame for the present road map is five years, covering the period from 2013 to 2017, which coincides with the mid-term review of the Incheon Strategy.

In addition to the actions in the road map, ESCAP members and associate members have committed to implementing each of the 10 goals and corresponding targets in the Incheon Strategy.

The 10 goals of the Incheon Strategy are:

Goal 1: Reduce poverty and enhance work and employment prospects;

Goal 2: Promote participation in political processes and in decision-making;

Goal 3: Enhance access to the physical environment, public transportation, knowledge, information and communication;

Goal 4: Strengthen social protection;

Goal 5: Expand early intervention and education of children with disabilities;

Goal 6: Ensure gender equality and women's empowerment;

Goal 7: Ensure disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction and management;

Goal 8: Improve the reliability and comparability of disability data;

Goal 9: Accelerate the ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the harmonization of national legislation with the Convention;

Goal 10: Advance subregional, regional and interregional cooperation.

The initial draft road map was submitted for review to the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, which was established by the Commission in its decision 69/4. The first session of the Working Group was held in Incheon, Republic of Korea, on 25 and 26 February 2014, with the following member States in attendance: Bangladesh; Bhutan; China; Fiji; India; Indonesia; Japan; Malaysia; Mongolia; Pakistan; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; and Thailand.

The road map reflects the views of the Working Group and is submitted to the Commission for its consideration and endorsement, in pursuance of Commission resolution 69/13.

National action

2013-2014

1. Designate a national focal point entity to coordinate implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
2. Translate the Incheon Strategy into the national language(s).
3. Convert the text of the Incheon Strategy into accessible formats.
4. Disseminate the Incheon Strategy in the public domain.
5. Enhance awareness of the Incheon Strategy across ministries.
6. Demonstrate high-level commitment to implementation of the Incheon Strategy through issuance of government directives at a high political level.
7. Hold a national event to launch the Incheon Strategy.
8. Initiate or continue the national Make the Right Real campaign to promote ratification/implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
9. Include issues concerning women and girls with disabilities in the national response to the 20-year review of progress in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action[1] and the regional outcome document.
10. Engage Champions and Promoters in action to promote the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, as appropriate.

2015

1. Set up a high-level interministerial committee to advance implementation of the Incheon Strategy, including through resource allocations.
2. Establish subnational mechanisms for implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
3. Hold consultations between the Government and civil society organizations on action plans (national and subnational) to implement the Incheon Strategy.
4. Launch and implement a national action plan for implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
5. Launch and implement a national action plan to produce data on Incheon Strategy indicators, so as to track its implementation.
6. Submit data to update the country profile in the forthcoming *Disability at a Glance 2015*, which will be published by ESCAP.
7. Include issues concerning women and girls with disabilities in a national response to the 20-year review of progress in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, its global outcome documents and follow-up.
8. Engage Champions and Promoters in action to promote the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, as appropriate.

[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

2016

1. Undertake preparations for collecting baseline data on Incheon Strategy indicators.
2. Initiate a mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
3. Hold subnational consultations on implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
4. Engage civil society organizations in the national mid-term review process.
5. Prepare a response to the ESCAP survey on the mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
6. Consider the leadership and composition of the delegation at the high-level intergovernmental meeting on the mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
7. Include women and girls with disabilities in the national follow-up to the 20-year review of progress in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the various regional and global outcome documents.
8. Engage Champions and Promoters in action to promote the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, as appropriate.

2017

1. Submit (within the first quarter of 2017) a response to the ESCAP survey on the mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy, including baseline data on Incheon Strategy indicators.
2. Ensure high-level participation at the intergovernmental meeting on the mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
3. Attend preparatory regional consultations, followed by the senior officials and ministerial segments of the high-level intergovernmental meeting on the mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
4. Identify and document good practices in implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
5. Review the outcome of the mid-term review.
6. Prepare a national action plan for implementation of the Incheon Strategy for the period 2018-2022, taking into consideration the lessons learned between 2013 and 2017.
7. Include women and girls with disabilities in the national follow-up to the 20-year review of progress in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the various regional and global outcome documents.
8. Engage Champions and Promoters in action to promote the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, as appropriate.

Subregional action

2013-2014

1. Promote subregional cooperation in supporting implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
2. Include in the meeting agendas and programmes of the respective subregional intergovernmental bodies specific measures to support implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022,[2] and the Incheon Strategy.

[2] Resolution 69/13, annex.

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2015

1. Convene subregional multi-stakeholder forums to strengthen the subregional dimension of implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
2. Hold subregional workshops in the respective subregions on tracking implementation of the Incheon Strategy, in partnership with the Disability Forum of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Central Asian Disability Forum, the Pacific Disability Forum and the South Asian Disability Forum.
3. Reinforce disability inclusion in the programmes and projects of the secretariats of the respective subregional intergovernmental bodies, as appropriate.

2016

1. Prepare a response to the ESCAP survey on the 2017 mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy, particularly as regards Goal 10.

2017

1. Submit a response to the ESCAP survey on the mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
2. Attend a high-level intergovernmental meeting on the mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
3. Organize a side event on subregional cooperation on the Incheon Strategy during the high-level intergovernmental meeting on the mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy.

Regional action

2013

1. Adopt Commission resolution 69/13.
2. Establish the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022.
3. Submit the Incheon Strategy to the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development.
4. Initiate implementation of the ESCAP-Sasakawa Award for Disability-Inclusive Business in Asia and the Pacific.
5. Convene the first meeting of Champions and Promoters for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, in New York on 23 September 2013.
6. Convene an expert group meeting on Incheon Strategy indicators.
7. Facilitate the establishment, by the Republic of Korea, of the Make the Right Real Fund.
8. Organize a regional preparatory meeting, in cooperation with the Government of Thailand, and submit its outcome document on disability-inclusion and the development goals beyond 2015 to the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development.

2014

1. Convene the first session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022.[3]
2. Report to the Commission at its seventieth session on the implementation of Commission resolutions 67/6 and 69/13.
3. Launch the ESCAP Multi-donor Trust Fund for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022.
4. Disseminate the Incheon Strategy and the road map to entities at the national, subregional and regional levels.
5. Advocate for disability mainstreaming in the framework on disaster risk reduction beyond 2015.[4]
6. Mainstream disability in the 20-year review of progress in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in the ESCAP region.
7. Advocate for disability inclusion in the sustainable development goals beyond 2015.
8. Implement ESCAP capacity-building projects, with support from partners, on:
   (a) Goal 3: Enhance access to the physical environment, public transportation, knowledge, information and communication;
   (b) Goal 7: Ensure disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction and management;
   (c) Goal 8: Improve the reliability and comparability of disability data.
9. Develop and disseminate a guidebook on Incheon Strategy indicators.
10. Finalize and disseminate a user-friendly version of the Incheon Strategy in English.
11. Initiate a regional survey to gather data updates for *Disability at a Glance 2015*.
12. Initiate the development of the disability module of the ESCAP Social Protection Toolbox.

2015

1. Convene the second session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022.
2. Highlight the engagement of women with disabilities in the 20-year review of progress in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.
3. Prepare and launch the 2015 edition of the annual ESCAP publication *Disability at a Glance*.
4. Continue implementation of ESCAP capacity-building projects on:
   (a) Goal 3: Enhance access to the physical environment, public transportation, knowledge, information and communication;
   (b) Goal 7: Ensure disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction and management;
   (c) Goal 8: Improve the reliability and comparability of disability data.
5. Launch an ESCAP publication on private sector disability-inclusive business initiatives.

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[3] The first session was hosted by the Government of the Republic of Korea and held at the ESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia at Incheon, Republic of Korea, on 25 and 26 February 2014.

[4] To be agreed upon at the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, from 14 to 18 March 2015. At present it is referred to as the "Hyogo Framework for Action 2": a successor to the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters, A/CONF.206/6 and Corr.1, chap. I, resolution 2.

2016

1. Convene the third session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022.
2. Report to the Commission at its seventy-second session on implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
3. Undertake a baseline survey to track implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
4. Strengthen inter-subregional partnerships on:
   (a) Goal 3: Enhance access to the physical environment, public transportation, knowledge, information and communication;
   (b) Goal 7: Ensure disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction and management;
   (c) Goal 8: Improve the reliability and comparability of disability data;
   (d) Goal 10: Advance subregional, regional and interregional cooperation.
5. Initiate preparations for the mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy.
6. Launch the disability module of the ESCAP Social Protection Toolbox.
7. Ensure the inclusion of women with disabilities in the follow-up to the outcomes of the 20-year review of progress in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

2017

1. Convene the fourth session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022.
2. Analyse baseline data on Incheon Strategy indicators.
3. Convene a stakeholder consultation.
4. Prepare the mid-term review documents of the Working Group on implementation of the Incheon Strategy as regards progress and gaps.
5. Convene a high-level intergovernmental meeting on the mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy, and consider a consensus document on accelerating such implementation.
6. Follow up on ESCAP capacity-building projects on:
   (a) Goal 3: Enhance access to the physical environment, public transportation, knowledge, information and communication;
   (b) Goal 7: Ensure disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction and management;
   (c) Goal 8: Improve the reliability and comparability of disability data.
7. Continue action to include women with disabilities in the follow-up to the outcomes of the 20-year review of progress in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.
8. Follow up on the outcomes of the high-level intergovernmental meeting on the mid-term review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy.